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Examiner Prince:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response that expires on January 19, 2005. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.



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- 3. Return Receipt Postcard.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is further authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>08-3038</u> referencing Attorney Docket No <u>11533.0026.NPUS02</u>.

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